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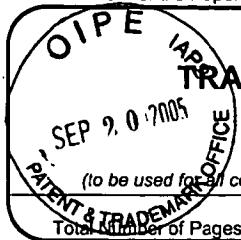
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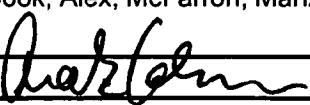
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION WITH
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF AUGUST 24, 2005

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action (restriction requirement) of August 24, 2005 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1-7) with traverse, and request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement for the reasons set forth below.

In the event that the restriction requirement is not withdrawn, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-

elected claims of Group II in a later application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of the Group II claims is sufficiently related to the subject matter of the Group I claims to allow for examination of all of the claims together. Indeed, the Group II claims are either directly or indirectly dependent on Claim 1 of Group I, and thus include the subject matter claim 1. It would seem that the common subject matter and dependence of the claims would warrant examining all of the claims together. It is difficult to see how such a single examination would create any serious burden on the Patent Office. In fact, Applicants submit that a single examination may even be more economical.

Respectfully submitted,



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